Railway expansion programme in backward areas of Orissa

2971. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Government have urged the Central Government to undertake railway expansion programmes in the backward areas of the State;

(b) if so, whether the Railways have taken any action to speedily undertake this programme; and

(c) the details of the steps taken so far and the results achieved?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Details of new railway lines taken up for construction in Orissa are as under:—

(Figures in Rs. Crores)

S.No.	New Line	Estimated cost	Anticipated expenditure upto 3/88	Outlay proposed for 1988-89
1.	Koraput-Rayagada	322	99 76	58.74
2.	Talcher-Sambalpur	137	12.25	5·00

Conversion of Rupsa-Bangirposhi and Naupara-Gunpur rail lines into Broad Gauge

2972. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for the conversion of Rupsa-Bangirposhi and Naupara-Gunpur railway lines into Broad Gauge in Orissa is pending since long;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in implementing the proposal; and

(c) the steps taken for early completion of the projects?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Surveys were conducted for conversion into Broad Gauge of Rupsa-Bangiriposi Narrow Gauge line in 1979 and Naupada-Gunupur Narrow Gauge line in 1946-47. The projects were found to be financially unremunerative. It is difficult to consider taking up of the projects due to constraint of resources and heavy commitments already in hand

Expenditure on health services

2973. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been made regarding the Government expenditure on providing health services to the people including the expenditure incurred by the State Government and Union Territories Administration:

(b) the number of population served by one hospital, one Doctor, one trained nurse, State-wise and in the country as a whole: and

(c) the per capita expenditure on health service and on medicines supplied to hospitals and health Centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The information, as available with the Government, based on the figures for the year 1985, is indicated in the statement enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 106].